

ABSTRACT

[0040] A system and associated method are provided for processing order information received from a customer. The method comprises a Just-In-Time demand pull process including generating a pull order from a customer's projected requirements, the pull order including a predicted quantity of end products and a predicted date on which the predicted quantity will be required by the customer. Sub-assemblies of the end product may be identified in the pull order that are capable of inclusion in a plurality of different end products, and production of the sub-assembly may be directed and tracked in addition to the end product. The seller delivers the end product in response to a standard order from the customer that includes a quantity required immediately by the customer and decrements the predicted quantity by the immediately required quantity.